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Jim Hopson, left, Roughriders president and CEO, and Ben Heenan pose for a photo after announcing Heenan would be the club's No. 1 draft pick for 2012.

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Riders pick up Heenan

Prospect. Huskies offensive lineman was No. 1 selection in CFL's Canadian college draft

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

University of Saskatchewan Huskies offensive lineman Ben Heenan said his dreams became reality Thursday morning when the Roughriders announced he would be their No. 1 pick in the 2012 CFL draft.

The Roughriders stayed true to their word, taking Heenan as the first-overall pick in the Canadian college draft.

"No one expects more out of myself than me, so I'm just looking forward to staying in Saskatchewan," said Heenan at the Huskies Football Foundation's Dogs' Breakfast in Saskatoon, where the announcement was made.

Quoted

"We're excited. You pick the best player—this is the best player."

Jim Hopson,
Roughriders president and CEO

"Right now it's just kind of an overwhelming moment to be here with over 2,000 Huskies supporters, my teammates and family," said Heenan. "They really wanted to make it a big deal for not only myself, but the program and the Huskies.

"For the Riders to ... select me, it really means a lot."

Jim Hopson, Riders president and CEO, said the team is excited to have Heenan given the prospect's "past playing ball in Regina, playing up here, his character — just everything."

"We think Ben's going to be a guy who's going to play a long time with the Saskatchewan Roughriders," said Hopson.

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Stick figures no longer en Vogue

Vogue magazine, perhaps the world's leading arbiter of style, is making a statement about its own models: Too thin is no longer in. The 19 editors of Vogue magazines around the world made a pact to project the image of healthy models. Find out more at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The kids really are all right. A new study suggests 60 per cent of teens use 'the most effective' kinds of contraception, including the pill and patch. Scan the code for the story

Two-speed economy

West leading in economic growth: BMO

The latest provincial outlook from the Bank of Montreal is a stark reminder that Canada has an entrenched two-speed economy.

The bank predicts the four western provinces, led by Alberta and Saskatchewan, will be the only ones to record growth above two per cent this year.

All the rest are below what the Bank of Canada considers the potential growth rate for the Canadian economy.

The West will also lead the nation in growth next year, the bank says, though oil-rich Newfoundland will be joining that select group.

BMO says resources are the major reason for the superior prospects of the western provinces.

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Hunting out of season

Impose stiffer fines on poachers: SWF

Provincial courts should levy higher fines on people who hunt out of season, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation says.

Executive director Darryl Crabbe says judges tend to levy poaching fines in the lower range of penalties available under the law.

Crabbe says the problem in many cases is judges don't value wildlife the way the Saskatchewan public does.

He cites a recent case in which two men were fined $280 each for shooting a moose out of season and leaving the carcass to rot.

Crabbe says if judges were educated on the importance of the province's wildlife, fines for lawbreakers would start to rise.

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Passing the ball to the next generation of quarterbacks

Former CFL great Damon Allen throws a football to students at Arcola Community School. Allen, who won four Grey Cup championships in a career spanning more than 20 years, was in town for the Don Narcisse All-Star Event, which partnered with Western Cycle to donate sports equipment to the school. Western Cycle is celebrating its 100th anniversary in Regina. KIM JAY/FOR METRO

Jane's Walk is an urbanite's chance to explore the city

Celebrating urban life. Local walks are about citizens having 'a dialogue about the places they live in'

CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS
Metro in Regina

Did you know that, until recently, the section of the city past Lewvan Drive and 1st Avenue was its own village? Or that years ago Regina had a "Germantown"?

Residents can learn about these and other Regina neighbourhoods this weekend on the 4th annual Jane's Walk Regina. This year's 11 walking tours, led by local volunteers, explore aspects of the city that may be new even to the most seasoned locals.

Jane Jacobs in 1980.
RON BULL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Laura Pfeifer, who grew up in Regina and is earning a master's in urban planning at McGill University, brought the event here and has been organizing it since its inception in 2009.

The first year, she didn't expect much interest. "I thought it would be great if we had maybe one or two people volunteer to lead walks." Instead, 10 enlisted, and the turnout for the walks was much higher than expected. "One walk even had 70 people attend," Pfeifer said. Interest has remained strong.

Pfeifer says one of the aims of Jane's Walk is "getting people talking to each other, sharing their stories, sharing their perspectives and starting to have a dialogue about the places they live in."

It's a good time for a conversation about community-building in Regina, Pfeifer says. "Our city is going through a lot of change right now."

Areas of change such as housing development and population growth "offer an opportunity for everyone to take a look and say: 'There's money coming into this city and lots of opportunities — what do we want that opportunity to look like? What do we want the end result to be?'"

To learn more, go to janeswalk.net/cities/landing/category/regina.

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Urban renewal

- Jane's Walk is an international event organized in memory of urban activist and writer Jane Jacobs, who died in 2006. Jacobs's most influential book was The Death and Life of Great American Cities (1961), in which she argued that an urban centre functions better if citizens have a say in how it's designed and if pedestrians and local businesses are an integral part of that design.

Derek Parker. Ex-hockey enforcer makes leap to MFC fighter

Derek Parker, left, takes a punch on the nose from Dean Mayrand during the Hockey Enforcers Black and Blue event in Prince George, B.C., in August 2005. Parker lost the fight. RICHARD LAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

A former hockey enforcer who spent more than 45 hours in the penalty box, Derek (The Lion) Parker is no stranger to fighting.

But the 28-year-old Regina middleweight will take it up a level on Friday night when he makes his Maximum Fighting Championship debut against Jared McComb at MFC 33: Collision Course in Edmonton.

"I always enjoyed fighting. Now I've really found my sport," he said. "There's a lot of hockey players that get forced into that role whereas, for myself, I look back at it and it was just kind of the role I always wanted."

Parker, who is originally from Melville, Sask., played for the Lethbridge Hurricanes and Moose Jaw Warriors in the WHL before a 54-game stint in 2004-05 with the Wichita Thunder of the Central Hockey League that saw him collect six goals, eight assists and 503 penalty minutes.

He finished his hockey career in 2009-10. Hockeyfights.com lists Parker as having 290 career fights. His own estimate is 350, with "probably 340" wins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cage-fighting man

- Derek Parker trains at the Wiley Jiu-Jitsu Academy and at Siam Kickboxing and Muay Thai, both in Regina. He plans to go to university in the fall and hopes to train with the University of Regina wrestling team. Parker has also helped out the Regina Pats, educating them in the art of hockey fighting as a martial art.

Artist returns home to showcase his new layers

Artist David Spriggs, who has been in Prague for the past three months working on an installation, is returning to Canada for the North American debut of his exhibit, Holocene, at the Neutral Ground gallery here in Regina.

"It's nice to reach different people. Here in Prague, a whole different group of people have seen my work," the Montreal-based Spriggs told Metro from his temporary residence in the Czech capital.

Originally presented at the Prague Biennial 5 last year, Holocene works in a unique form that Spriggs developed using multiple layers of two-dimensional images which are strategically spaced to create something that lies inbetween the realms of 2D and 3D visual art. However, Holocene differs in its use of harder edges so that each 2D layer is more pronounced, as opposed to Spriggs's other works in which the layers seem to bleed and blend in to one another.

One of Spriggs's Holocene pieces.
COURTESY DAVID SPRIGGS

"This piece is a bit different than my other works, but at the same time using that layered technique I developed 12 years ago," said Spriggs.

"It's more architectural, and it's specifically more about perspective and space, thinking about linear perspective. When you look at the history of perspective in art, it's usually been on a single plane, and so [Holocene] is a perspective through space, but still working with images."

An integral part of Spriggs's work is the close relation between the form and content of a given piece. His unique layered form also allows the artist to pursue subjects that would otherwise be difficult to present in other forms.

"A concrete subject such as in a marble sculpture or classical Greek sculpture is very defined, whereas I'm going towards more ephemeral subjects which appear to disappear or move," said Spriggs.

PAUL BOGDAN/FOR METRO

Reception

The reception for David Spriggs's Holocene exhibit is Sat., May 5th in the Neutral Ground art gallery, 1856 Scarth St., at 8:00 p.m.

10-million pennies to build one home

Dennis Coutts, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Regina, and Jay Stone, program director of NewsTalk 980 CJME, get ready to pour pennies collected for the Penny Project. Habitat for Humanity Regina and Newstalk 980 CJME have teamed up to collect 10-million pennies ($100,000) to build another home for a low-income, hard-working family seeking home ownership. Contact Habitat for Humanity Regina at 522-9700 or email slynch@habitatregina.ca or tbez@habitatregina.ca if you can help. COURTESY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REGINA

40 years helping young moms-to-be

Support centre. Many of the women are from broken homes or abusive relationships

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Shirley Schneider was surprised when, after completing an interview with CTV, she pulled off her lapel mic, stepped off the set and into the path of a six-foot man running towards her with his arms open. "Thank you," he said over and over as he pulled her into a hug. "Thank you for what you did for my daughter."

His daughter was a student and participant in the Shirley Schneider Support Centre (formally the Balfour Special Tutorial Program) and the Mackenzie Infant Care Centre, two associated "wrap around" programs that assist pregnant teens. Both are celebrating anniversaries on Friday. The SSSC is marking its 40th anniversary, the MICC its 25th, with a gala dinner.

The SSSC teaches both the provincial high school curriculum and classes in life skills such as maintaining a healthy diet. There's a social worker and an elder comes in to lead talking circles for the young women, many of whom are aboriginal.

Shirley Schneider
CONTRIBUTED

The SSSC was created in 1972, when a burley principal named Alex B. Mackenzie, known for his barking voice and strict military style, called Schneider at home. "He told me that they had this vacant building adjacent to Balfour, and that he wanted to start a school."

The program would be solely for teenage girls who found themselves pregnant. It would be designed to keep them from dropping out of school. Mackenzie asked if Schneider would run it, and she said yes.

"Many young women in those days," says Schneider, "would give up the babies for adoption. But as the years went on, we found more and more ... were keeping them. This presented a new situation."

Women were dropping out of the program to care for infants, so through fundraising, The Mackenzie Infant Care Centre, was opened.

"(The program) shows them that they are worth something, that they're worthy of something better," says Schneider.

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SSSC in business

- **Enrolment.** In its 40 years, the SSSC has seen more than 3,000 students pass through its doors. It's current classes house 125 students. Twenty-four infants and 15 toddlers are taken care of during the day at the MICC.
- **Success rate.** Many women who have graduated have gone on to post-secondary education, whether at SIAST or the University. It's the longest running program of its kind in Canada, and widely seen as a success.

Saskatchewan triathlete trains for Taipei

Triathlete Simon Schaerz trains in Douglas Park in Regina. He will be representing Canada and the University of Regina at the FISU 2012 University World Triathlon Championships in Taipei, Taiwan. Schaerz is one of eight athletes on the Canadian team, and the second member from Saskatchewan.

KIM JAY/FOR METRO

Labour law reform

Unions on guard for review of dues

The Saskatchewan government is proposing a massive overhaul of its labour laws and unions say they are concerned.

One area up for review is union dues and whether people should be allowed to opt out of paying dues for reasons such as financial hardship or if they're a student. Essential services legislation that has been ruled unconstitutional will also be reviewed.

Labour Minister Don Morgan says the purpose of the overhaul is not to strain the government's relationship with unions. He says they will be consulted.

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Saving Cristina. Call out on social media for donors

Cristina Di Corte found out she had mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalopathy on the same day she learned that a bone-marrow transplant could save her life.

It was also the beginning of an ambitious coast-to-coast social-media campaign to find a donor match.

Also known as MNGIE, the genetic condition has only ever been diagnosed in 70 people worldwide.

Di Corte, a 22-year-old Mississauga, Ont., native, first started noticing symptoms when she was 17, but it would

Cristina Di Corte SCREEN GRAB

be four years before she was accurately diagnosed. The condition affects the muscles that move material through the digestive system.

"I was nauseous, throwing up, and had horrible stomach pains," says Di Corte, whose weight dropped to as low as 68 pounds. A series of doctors and specialists misdiagnosed her with irritable bowel syndrome, tested her for celiac disease and colon cancer, and even sent her to a clinic for people with eating disorders.

She now needs a bone-marrow transplant.

"I basically need it as soon as possible," says Di Corte, who now receives nutrients through a central catheter line. Di Corte is registered with Onematch.ca, a stem-cell and marrow donor network, but they warned her that the list is long.

That's when her older brother had an idea. "He was like, why don't we put this on Facebook?" says Di Corte, who agreed.

A Facebook event asked friends and family to tweet #hopeforcristina on Twitter every Wednesday at 6 p.m. She also has her own website, helpingcristina.org, and it wasn't long before Di Corte was telling her story on Citytv.

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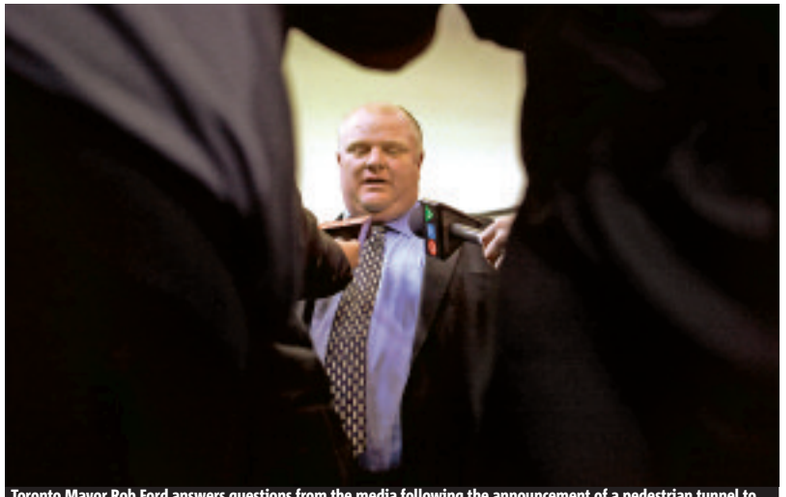
Toronto Mayor Rob Ford accuses reporter of spying on his home

A different scrum. Police were called over an incident involving a Toronto Star scribe snooping around the mayor's property



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford answers questions from the media following the announcement of a pedestrian tunnel to be constructed to Billy Bishop Airport in Toronto on March 9. PAWEL DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he won't talk to any media in the presence of a reporter he accuses of spying on his home.

Ford told radio station AM640 this morning he wants Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale removed from covering city hall in light of last night's confrontation.

Police were called to the mayor's west Toronto home after a neighbour saw someone who appeared to be in the mayor's backyard with a recording device.

The Star says Dale was on public property next to Ford's home and was there to research a story about a piece of land Ford wants to buy. The paper says Dale was not there to harass Ford.

A visibly angry Ford held a press conference outside his home on Wednesday night and said it's unbelievable what the reporter did, adding when he confronted Dale, the journalist dropped his phone and recorder before running away.

Dale's version of events, posted on the Star's website, says Ford yelled and charged at him with one fist up even though the reporter pleaded for him to stop.

Ford said this morning he "never laid a hand on" Dale but stressed he doesn't want to see the reporter in any media scrums.

"I will not be talking to any reporters if he is part of that scrum," he told AM640.

This isn't the first time Ford has been involved in a dust-up with a member of the media.

In October, Ford called 911 after Mary Walsh of the CBC's comedy series "22 Minutes" confronted him in his driveway dressed as her Marg Delahunty, Princess Warrior character.

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News in pictures

1 Appeal trial. Man wrongfully convicted of murder sues

Romeo Phillion, who spent more than 30 years in jail after being wrongfully convicted of murder, is suing those he says are responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Press baron. Conrad Black to be released from U.S. prison

Conrad Black, Canada's now-infamous press baron, is set for release from a Miami prison Friday and into custody of U.S. immigration officials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 No clemency? Lawyers accuse feds of neglect in murder case

Alberta-born Ronald A. Smith, who was sentenced to death for two 1982 murders, has exhausted nearly all his appeals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 F-35. Those responsible for fighter-jet fiasco face questions

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page appears as a witness at Commons Public accounts committee to discuss the F-35 Fighter Jet on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, which he harshly criticized. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wrong message?

Student suspended for Jesus T-shirt

A Grade 12 student in Nova Scotia has been suspended for wearing a T-shirt publicizing his religious beliefs.

The South Shore Regional School Board suspended William Swinimer from Forest Heights Community School in Chester Basin for five days for wearing a shirt emblazoned with the words, "Life is wasted without Jesus."

School board Supt. Nancy Pynch-Worthylake said the wording on the shirt is problematic because it is directed at the beliefs of others.

"If I have an expression that says, 'My life is enhanced with Jesus,' then there's no issue with that," she said.

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Alleged steroid link

Prosecution reveals evidence in Clemens' trial

For the first time Thursday, the jury in the Roger Clemens trial saw in person the physical evidence the government says will link the 11-time all-star baseball pitcher to anabolic steroids, evidence that Clemens' lawyer has called a "mixed-up hodgepodge of garbage."

Exhibit 52C was the semi-crushed Miller Lite beer can. Exhibit 52D was the FedEx box that once contained the beer can. Then came exhibits of gauze, tissues, syringes, cotton balls and needles, some of which were once inside the beer can.

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Mental health

Budget cuts resources for soldiers: Union

Public-service union officials say the Defence Department is cutting resources for mental health, even as suicide rates among soldiers are climbing.

They say federal budget cuts are shutting down part of department's program to monitor mental health and work on suicide prevention.

The Professional Institute of the Public Service says experts who focus on post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries among soldiers are among those losing their jobs.

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Witnesses detail island shootings

Breivik's massacre. Ferry captain describes his 'angst and full panic' after mass murderer began Utoya island slaughter

Day 11 of trial

Breivik has said that being declared insane would be the worst thing that could happen to him because it would "delegitimize" his views.

Witnesses in Norway recounted Thursday how mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik — armed and in police uniform — managed to trick his way onto a ferry to Utoya island, where he massacred 69 people in a shooting spree just hours after killing eight people in a bomb attack.

Jon Olson, captain of the MS Thorbjoern ferry, told the Oslo District Court about his "angst and full panic" as he frantically tried to contact police about the island attack after his ferry had docked at Utoya.

Breivik has admitted to the bombing in Oslo's government district and the subsequent shootings at a Labor Party youth camp on Utoya. He claims the July 22 attacks were "necessary" and that the 77 victims had betrayed Norway by embracing immigration.

Olson, who lost his partner, Monica Boesei, the second person to die in the shootings, said neither he nor his crew suspected the uniform-clad Breivik to be anything other than a police officer.

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Showing the big guns, the 'last resort' in Olympic security

Members of the British military's Royal Artillery regiment stand near a Rapier air-defence system in Blackheath, London, during a media event ahead of a training exercise designed to test military procedures for the upcoming Olympics. Britain's military is carrying out security tests including the deployment of ground-to-air missile systems, which are being considered for the Games. It's a move the government has defended as a "last resort" measure of security and one that has been used at previous Olympics. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this photo provided by Ukrainian Pravda taken last month, former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko shows bruises on her body. UKRAINIAN PRAVDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Furor grows over Tymoshenko

German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged Ukrainian leaders on Thursday to give jailed ex-premier Yulia Tymoshenko "proper treatment" for her ailments, as more top officials announced they would boycott the Euro 2012 soccer championship co-hosted by Ukraine.

Merkel insisted that she had not yet decided whether to stay away from the matches in Ukraine, but said her priority now was the former leader's health.

Euro 2012 is the continent's most prestigious soccer tournament, taking place only once every four years. The dispute over Tymoshenko, Ukraine's top opposition figure, is coming as a big blow to the country's hopes of using the tournament to boost tourism and trade with the 27-nation European Union. Ukraine, which is not in the EU, is co-hosting with EU member Poland.

"Much more important than my travel plans is that we must now do everything possible to see that Yulia Tymoshenko gets the proper treatment," Merkel was quoted as saying.

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Presidential politics

Romney says Chinese dissident abandoned

Mitt Romney has criticized the Obama administration for allowing a blind Chinese dissident to leave the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

The Republican presidential candidate said reports that American officials allowed Chen Guangcheng to leave were a "dark day for freedom."

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Ritual charges dropped

Women accused of raping men to collect semen

Prosecutors in Zimbabwe said Thursday they have dropped charges against three women accused of raping men to collect their semen for tribal rituals.

The charges were dropped after DNA tests failed to link them to 17 men who claimed they were victims. The women now face prostitution charges. They denied the allegations, saying they had sex for money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM share price falls to 9-year low

Market. BlackBerry maker's shares plunge below $12 after reports suggested the company would ditch physical keyboard

The Canadian company that revolutionized the mobile phone industry spent a very expensive week trying to sell the idea that the BlackBerry isn't a dying technology, only to see its share price close Thursday at its lowest level in nearly a decade.

Research In Motion stock fell 72 cents, or 5.7 per cent, to close at $11.91 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

It hasn't been below $12 since 2003.

Thursday's plunge marked three days of declines that began after the Waterloo, Ont., tech giant gave a first glimpse of its much-anticipated new operating software at its annual developer conference in Orlando, Fla.

The BlackBerry 10 OS prototype was handed to developers in the hope of getting them onside and writing applications for the system, but it won't hit the market for several months.

BlackBerry 10 Dev Alpha developer testing device. RESEARCH IN MOTION HANDOUT

RIM's shares have fallen some 15 per cent since Tuesday's reveal of the operating system. At its height the stock was trading at more than $144 in 2008, when RIM was briefly the most valuable company on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

During the conference, RIM chief executive Thorsten Heins was forced to confront rumours that the new BlackBerry would feature only a touchscreen keyboard and not a physical keypad.

The confusion arose after Heins unveiled the new operating system and focused on some flashy features available to touchscreen users, but didn't address any future plans for keypad devices. Some reports suggested the company would completely ditch the physical keys that helped build its name and are favoured by many of its users.

"We won't lose the focus on physical keypads. It would be wrong, just plain wrong to do this," Heins said.

At this point, it's hard to tell whether the event either helped or hurt the company in the long run, but judging by RIM's volatile stock, investors aren't impressed yet.

BlackBerry 10 is seen as an important part of RIM's attempt to compete against the likes of the iPhone and devices using Google's Android operating system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SNC-Lavalin chairman delivers optimistic outlook

SNC-Lavalin chairman Gwyn Morgan speaks at the company's AGM in Toronto on Thursday. He said client confidence remains strong despite intense turmoil resulting from disclosure of $56 million of mysterious payments that have tarnished its name. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline. Keystone still on the table: Post

TransCanada won't confirm a report in the Washington Post that it will reapply for its controversial Keystone XL pipeline as soon as Friday.

A person familiar with TransCanada's plans spoke to the Post on the condition of anonymity because a formal announcement has not yet been made, the newspaper said Thursday.

CEO Russ Girling told reporters following TransCanada's annual general meeting last Friday that the new application is "imminent." Company spokesman Terry Cunha said Thursday that Girling's comment still stands, with no specific date being provided.

The Obama administration rejected the $7.6-billion US project earlier this year, though it left the door open for TransCanada to take another crack at it.

The White House says the decision had less to do with the Alberta-to-Texas pipeline's merits than moves by Republicans in Congress to speed up the process.

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Michael Jackson

PepsiCo reveals new "King of Pop" can design

Pepsi on Thursday announced its deal with the estate of Michael Jackson to use the late pop star's image for its new global marketing push.

The nature of the promotion will vary by country, but will include a TV ad, special edition cans bearing Jackson's image and chances to download remixes of some of Jackson's most famous songs.

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Pepsi's new "king of Pop" can. PEPSICO INC./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DOLLAR
101.12¢ US (-0.25¢)

TSX
12,014.97 (-215.15)

OIL
$102.54 US (-$2.68)

GOLD
$1,634.80 US (-$19.20)

Natural gas: $ 2.34 US (+8.7¢)
Dow Jones: 13,206.59 (-61.98)

Social network. Facebook sets share price range for upcoming IPO

Facebook has set a price range of $28 to $35 for its initial public offering of stock.

At the high end, this could raise as much as US$11.8 billion. If the underwriters sell the extra stock reserved for over-allotments, the IPO will value Facebook at $79.3 billion at the high end of the price range.

That's much higher than any other Internet IPO in the past, even Google in 2004, which raised $1.9 billion. The range came in a regulatory filing Thursday.

After that, Facebook will go on an "IPO roadshow," where executives talk to potential investors about why they should invest in the stock. If all goes well, Facebook's stock is expected to price on May 17 and go public on May 18.

Facebook's IPO has been highly anticipated, not just because of how much money it will raise but because Facebook itself is so popular. The world's largest online social network has more than 900 million users worldwide.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who turns 28 this month, has emerged as a wunderkind leader who's led Facebook through unprecedented growth from its scrappy start as a hangout for Harvard students.

Zuckerberg will keep tight control over the company even after the IPO. He will control about 58 per cent of the company's voting power, through stocks he owns or because other shareholders have promised to vote his way through shares that they own. This means he will have final say over the biggest decisions facing the company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IT'S SNOOKI CALLING THE POT BLACK

THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
Metro

1 **Same old story:** You know the one — lady's philandering husband spends all her money, then leaves for a hotter, richer woman. Spurned lady spends a year feeling dirty and used, and just when she's begun to move on, he returns with flowers and playful charms. Still vulnerable, she crumbles, and her friends throw up their arms saying, "He's not even that good looking." In other news, Conrad Black returns to Canada.

2 **Let it be written:** As an example of necessity being the "mother of invention," researchers at Arizona State University have released a list of "commandments" for Facebook. Issues covered by the rules: acknowledging postings to your page by clicking "Like," inappropriate "poking" (never wise), and posting pictures of friends from a debauched weekend in Vegas. My favourite edict, not limited to FB, is "Thou shalt use common sense," which, ironically, supersedes a need for the list to begin with.

3 **Carrot caution:** A study released Wednesday out of Ohio University has found that consuming excessive amounts of beta carotene might not be good for you. Contrary to what we've been told for centuries, it can block some effects of vitamin A critical to vision, skin health, metabolism and immune function. Vision? It goes to show you just can't trust your mom anymore.

4 **Playing hardball:** Two years after Victoria's Secret combined two of men's favorite things by releasing their line of baseball-themed lingerie, they introduce the Blue Jays collection. With two types of sexy briefs (one leopard print), and two skimpy tees, they've given new meaning to the phrase "Sliding into home."

5 **United we stand:** Canadian awards shows the Genies and the Geminis, are joining forces to create just one all-encompassing program. This is great news for apathetic Canadians who now only have to not watch one show.

6 **Labour days:** Jessica Simpson has given birth to a 22-inch, nine-pound, 13-ounce baby girl. This explains the tremendous baby bump that prompted pregnant Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi to say, "I'd die if I ever got that big." Aw, Snooki, we don't want you to die. We just want you to go away. Gone.

7 **Hoops! My bad:** Some are saying the stress of the condensed NBA season has resulted in a post-season riddled with injuries. None more symbolic than when Knicks' Amare Stoudemire tempered the burning flames of his competitive passion after a brutal loss to Miami by punching a fire extinguisher. Someone might have mentioned requiring the hand to play out the series. Surprisingly, Amare skipped college to go pro.

8 **Canadian courtship:** Our nation's first TV Bachelor is CFL wide receiver Brad Smith, who can't wait to meet all the wonderful women who will join him in this consummate quest for love. He seeks independent, intelligent women who are "just as confident in a ponytail and sweats as they are all dressed up." And adds that high-maintenance women turn him off. Relax, Brad. Any intelligent woman willing to endure weeks of public judgment, cat fights and drama, all to potentially marry a CFL player, is probably not high-maintenance.

Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith
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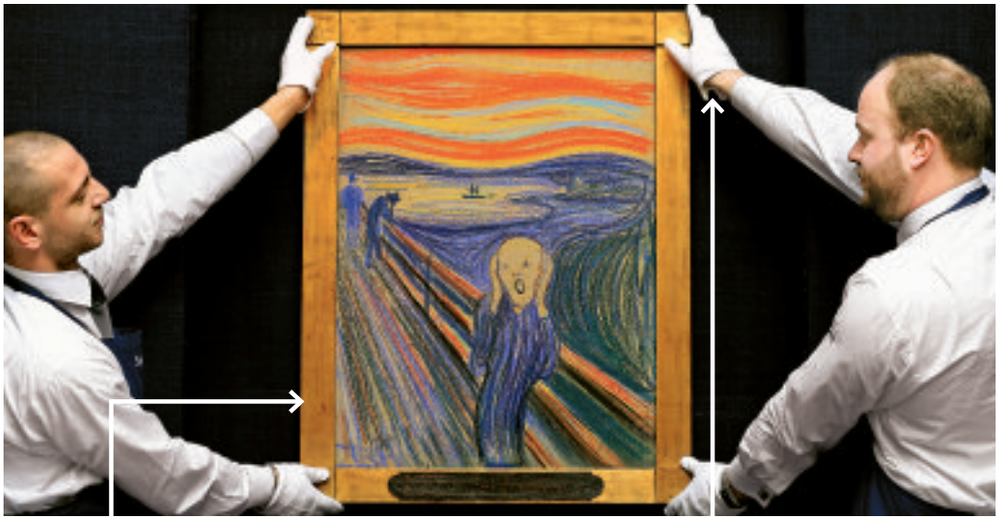
A 'Scream' is worth $119.9M



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Edvard Munch

Work of art sells for historic price

NEW YORK. Edvard Munch's The Scream made history on Wednesday night when it became the most expensive piece of art ever sold at auction.

After a fierce bidding war at Sotheby's New York, the 1895 pastel went to an anonymous buyer for $119.9 million US. The auction house was thrilled at the "historic" price on a night when sales topped $330 million US.

Simon Shaw, the head of impressionist and modern art for Sotheby's, said the painting was a good deal.

"If ever there was a work of art of true shock and awe, it is Edvard Munch's The Scream, which is not only one of the seminal images from art history, but also one of the visual keys to the modern consciousness."

The work is one of four versions by the Norwegian expressionist artist and was the only one still privately owned.

It is regarded as the most prized of the four as a poem written by the artist is on the frame.

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Scream-worthy poetry

"I was walking along the road with two friends. The Sun was setting — The Sky turned a bloody red And I felt a whiff of Melancholy — I stood Still, deathly tired — over the blue-black Fjord and City hung Blood and Tongues of Fire. My Friends walked on — I remained behind — shivering with Anxiety. I felt the great Scream in Nature."

Munch's poem written in blood red paint

By the numbers

What can you buy with $120 million US?

- 60,000 classic British telephone boxes
- 20,000 tigers
- 40 Stradivarius violins
- 15 light jets
- Six holidays at the International Space Station
- One Cristiano Ronaldo

60 seconds

Modern art specialist Philip Hook

Why has this work of art been so popular?

It's one of the most important pictures ever in terms of fame and familiarity because it captures the modern man with his angst and alienation. It marked a new phase at the start of the 20th century when artists began portraying their own emotions.

What moral lessons can be found in it?

There is a comment on man's relationship with nature, but also it is based on guilt. When Munch painted this his father had just died and his sister was in a lunatic asylum.

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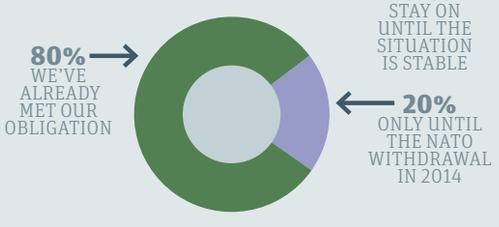
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The Avengers is just the latest in a long line of superhero films. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Putting the 'super' in superhero films

Roundup. Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin dish on their favourite vigilante features

Richard: Mark, even though the ads guaranteed I would believe a man could fly, I'm not sure that my fifteen-year-old self actually thought Christopher Reeve was circling the earth in Superman: The Movie, but I do know I thought it was cool. And still do. I've seen it dozens of times and its blend of humour, action and nostalgia is worth its weight in Kryptonite.

Mark: The first Superman movie was the platinum standard in superhero films: graceful, even poetic. The sequels ruined its goodwill, but the quality of the original cannot be denied. But I think the world can be divided into two kinds of people: Superman people and Batman people, and I, Richard, seem to be a Batman person. Even the weakest in the Batman franchise still enthralls me; if we're talking about Christopher Nolan's The Dark Knight, we may be talking Godfather-level cinema.

RC: Of the big name superheroes we haven't mentioned Spider-Man yet. I liked the first Sam Raimi web slinger movie, complete with Tobey Maguire and the upside down kiss, but even cooler is Darkman. Raimi created the Darkman character out of frustration after failing to get the screen rights to The Shadow and Batman. Liam Neeson plays the swashbuckling hero in this violent and funny movie.

MB: Darkman is a dark horse entry, but yes, it's a good one and Neeson is fantastic in it. Wish I could share your enthusiasm for Spider-Man but I spent the entire movie wishing the dweeb would grow a pair. More like Spider-Boy to me. The series I prefer is the X-Men franchise, which seems to get more sophisticated with each release. And the Wolverine spin-off is a definite fave.

RC: I liked Wolverine's R-rated cameo in X-Men: First Class. Cool, underrated movie and his unfit-for-publication-in-a-family-paper-line is very memorable. Also memorable are a few movies about a lesser tier of superheroes. Everyone knows Batman and Superman, but how about Captain Invisible, the alcoholic hero who comes out of hiding to save America from destruction? Or the strange and funny Orgazmo from the twisted minds of South Park's Matt Stone and Trey Parker?

MB: And what about the lonely comic book superheroes never immortalized on film? When, oh when, will they make that masterpiece starring The Flash??? The scene where he'd do his taxes in three seconds flat would be worth the price of admission!

Synopsis

Lately it seems you couldn't swing Thor's hammer in a theatre without hitting a superhero movie, like this weekend's The Avengers, but movies about caped crusaders and heroes who can leap buildings in a single bound are nothing new. This week the Reel Guys use their superhuman powers to pick the best superhero movies of all time.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

D'Angelo sparkles

D'Angelo is making his comeback: the reclusive singer will give his first U.S. performance in 10 years at the 2012 Essence Music Festival. D'Angelo will perform during the festival's opening night. It runs from July 6 to July 8 in New Orleans and also features Trey Songz, Aretha Franklin, Mary J. Blige and many others. The soul singer's latest album is 2000's Voodoo. It went platinum and won two Grammy Awards, including best R&B album. His debut, 1995's Brown Sugar, was also a platinum effort. Since that, D'Angelo has stepped away from the music scene, drawing attention for his run-ins with the law.
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On the web

Bob Barker opening new area for 5 HIV-infected chimps at national sanctuary in Louisiana

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Comedy

The Avengers

Director. Joss Whedon

Stars. Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson

Great comic book movies, like great comic books, have to play their heroes and villains straight. The stakes have to be high and in the case of Marvel's The Avengers, the fate of the planet literally hangs in the balance. The humour is innately there (a bunch of costumed superheroes hanging out together is already absurd) but in director Joss Whedon's mammoth budgeted blockbuster, the humour is of the nudging, winking variety, almost as if Whedon is trying to convince the audience that he's smarter than the material. It's an obnoxious trait that bogs down what could have been a perfect mash up.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Quoted

"It did actually really scare me to step into this world and I didn't know that I could pull it off. It took some convincing from people like (co-star) Robert (Downey Jr.) and Joss. The thing that I was always worried about was just getting pigeon-holed by a big part like this. But now I'm at a point where I have a big enough body of work where this isn't going to make me or break me, really. It'll help, in a lot of ways."

Mark Ruffalo, talking about stepping into the role of the Hulk in The Avengers.

Legend of a Warrior. Documentary deconstructs father-son relationship

Forged in a harsh Hong Kong ghetto, Frank Lee came to Canada in 1960 and worked overnights at the rough and tumble Phoenix Cafe in Edmonton.

He was a waiter/busboy/bouncer and, as miscreants soon found out, a very talented martial artist. When trouble started, he ended it. Tough as nails, the five-foot-seven 155-pounder never lost a fight.

He went on to become a martial arts grandmaster out of the Edmonton gym dubbed Frank's Torture Chamber. And he trained champions half a world away in Thailand and Hong Kong.

Along the way, his family drifted apart.

So son Corey — a filmmaker — set about to reconnect.

In 2011, he started training under his father, returning to the martial arts he had abandoned more than two decades before.

"He is my father. But I don't really know the man. I only know the legend," Corey says early on in Legend of a Warrior, which had its world premiere at the Hot Docs festival this week.

Cameras captured their time together over some seven months.

"I was hoping for some level of healing and some level of understanding," Corey, now 42, said in an interview this week.

He got that and more in an emotional journey that is lovingly captured in the 78-minute documentary.

The National Film Board project starts as a guarded father-son reunion in the ring at Frank's gym. But emotional walls are torn down later in the film during a trip to Hong Kong, where Frank first studied martial arts after leaving China with his family at the age of nine.

Tears flow as Frank rereads a letter he sent Corey from Hong Kong in February 1983 on yet another training mission that had taken him from his family. The man who can bend rebar with his neck or break cinder blocks with his hands cries as he laments the breakup of his family — or "crystal ball" as he calls it.

It is heart-rending stuff and it's a safe bet that many more tears will be shed by those watching it.

Corey Lee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In talking about the scene, Corey is clearly wearing two hats as filmmaker and son.

"I was thankful that we got it on film, for sure," he said.

"And I think I was just incredibly humbled by my father's honesty with me ... I hoped after reading that letter that it would inspire him to open up to me in a way. But I wouldn't have imagined that it would have been like that."

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Jaime Cepero has had fun shaping the character of Ellis. HANDOUT

Cepero dishes on the biggest swindler in showbiz — Ellis

Smash. Ambition and a taste for the finer things in life drives villainous character

T. MICHELLE MURPHY
Metro World News in New York

"By the end of this season, the Ellis gun goes off," Jaime Cepero tells us about his deliciously villainous character on NBC's Smash. We interviewed him to find out more about how the everyone's favourite showbiz swindler.

So despite all the grief we give him in our recaps, Ellis is one of our favourite characters on Smash. And he gets some of the best storylines on the show. Do you agree?
Yeah, absolutely. I think the most exciting thing about this character for me, as an actor, was that he's really undefined as you go into the series.

It sets the platform to kind of go anywhere I want, in as far as storyline.

And it's been really interesting to watch him grow and get a new script each week and see where this kid is going.

A lot of the other characters are very defined when you go into the series, and he's very special in that sense.

He's also painted as a villain — but do you think he accurately represents a certain type of person in show business?
I've definitely met some Ellises in my day! I think that's why there's such a strong reaction to the character, because no matter what business you're in — whether you're in theatre or anywhere — you know this person.

We all know an Ellis who's overly ambitious, and really brownnosing the boss, and kind of slips up under your radar. I think that's why people are really responding in such a [strong] way, because we all know this person.

We know Ellis is ambitious, but why? What's his driving factor?
I think as the series goes on, you kind of get more definition about why he is so ambitious.

He starts working for Tom and Julia at first, and he's working for people of this caliber, and he's very intrigued by this world he's working in.

He's getting to see how these people are treated and how much money they're making — he sees all the facts, because he's the assistant, he sees all the numbers. I think he gets a taste of this world, he gets a taste of these lavish parties, and he wants it for himself because he's never had it before. That's very attractive for him. By all means necessary, he's going to pursue those things for himself.

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The Raven (18A) Fri 5:20-8-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:45-5:20-8-10:35 Mon-Wed 7:40-10:10 Thu 7:20
Safe (14A) Fri 5:40-8:05-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 8:05-10:25
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Mirror Mirror (PG) Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50
Golden Mile
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Big Miracle (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:55-6:35-9:40
John Carter (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:30-9:25
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:50-9:30
Project X (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-7-9:45
Safe House (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:45-6:45-9:20
The Three Stooges (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4-6:55-9:35
The Vow (PG) Fri-Wed 6:40-9:55 Thu 1-6:40-9:55
Wanderlust (14A) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:50
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Bird breaks through with Break It Yourself

New music. Latest songs plot songwriter's trajectory from a breakup in Chicago to a new life in New York

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

One week after Andrew Bird filmed an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live! in Los Angeles, the singer-songwriter and violinist is back home in New York with his segment due to air that night.

Apart from Saturday Night Live, Bird has done just about all the late night TV shows. "Colbert was a high point," he says, admitting he's a big Stephen Colbert fan. He's confident that SNL will happen "in due time."

And Bird is due. Break It Yourself has just been released.

"I call it my ninth album," Bird says. "It's the ninth album that's had a cycle to it. There's been a live record and soundtracks. If you count them all up, there's probably 15 or 16."

Andrew Bird. GETTY IMAGES

That includes his pre-solo outfit Andrew Bird's Bowl of Fire, which highlighted the 38-year-old's love of pre-war jazz before his singer-songwriter turn. Bird's future work, however, might take yet another musical twist.

"I continue to write songs that make sense as an Andrew Bird record, but I hear things that I don't know how to pull off yet. All I can say is what I am hearing is less pop-oriented and more devotional or religious. Not religious in the sense of 'Jesus I love you,'" he emphasizes.

"It seems like it might be time to do something a little different."

The antisocial network

Andrew Bird is a Chicago native, but has called New York City home for almost two years. Break It Yourself plots his trajectory from a breakup to a new life there.

"I don't tend to write songs where there's any mention of breaking any hearts. There's a theme on the record of being self-contained, self-satisfied, I suppose.

"A lot of New Yorkers are experts at that. I'm puzzling through whether that's a virtue, not needing anyone else. I've got my own solitary, antisocial leanings. I'm kind of questioning those on the record."

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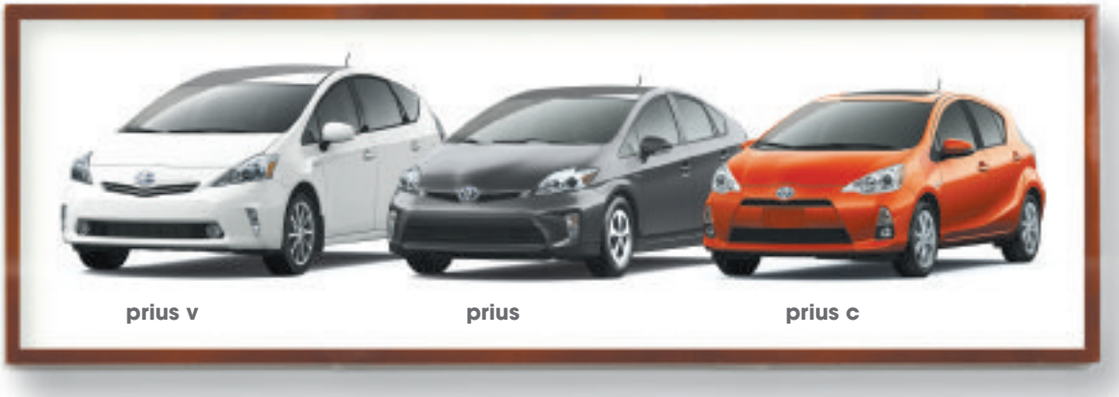

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Cut it out Cameron, it's just some hair

A recent rushed visit to a hairdresser friend left Cameron Diaz with much shorter locks than expected — and tears in her eyes.

"I started crying. I felt so vulnerable. For a woman to all of a sudden have no hair — oh my God," she tells Jay Leno during an interview. "There was a little misunderstanding. I said I just want a little bit cut off."

But a bit quickly turned into a bob, which turned traumatic for all involved.

"She started crying. I started crying. A couple other people started crying. I ended up writing her a few emails over the next few days assuring her I was OK," Diaz says.

Amber Riley

Amber Riley strikes back

Let's hear it for Glee star Amber Riley. After a red carpet fainting spell earlier in the week, she's on the (hilarious) defensive about her personal life — including whether or not she's expecting.

"Let me stop the rumour mill right now. I'm not pregnant. Yes, I'm black but I don't have diabetes, I don't starve myself to fit clothes; I buy clothes to fit me not vice versa," Riley posted to Twitter in response to the rumours that sprouted up overnight after her episode.

"I did get a great laugh this morning reading all the BS, though."

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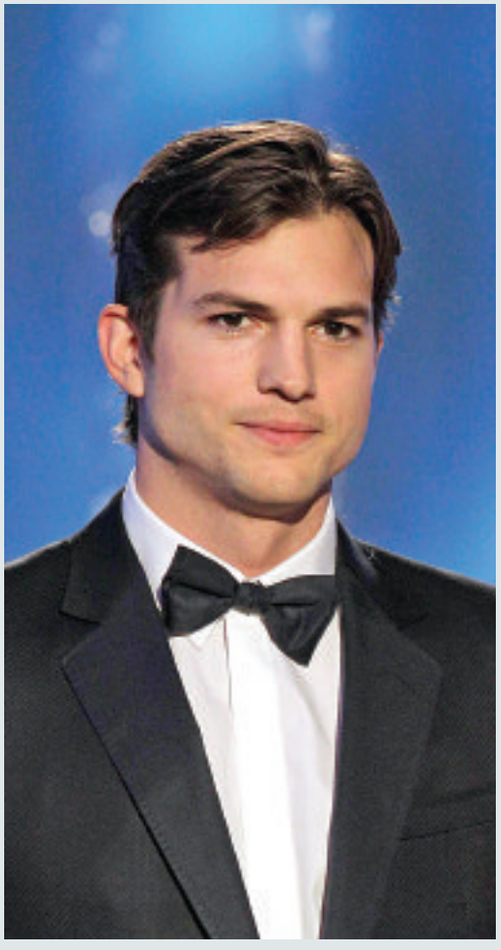

Seriously Ashton, that's just plain racist

THE WORD
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Poor Popchips. They just wanted to get people to eat their unique snack food (a.k.a. communion wafers with salt) but their recent online ad campaign is backfiring spectacularly.

The face of the campaign, Ashton Kutcher, is currently facing criticism for his roles in the commercials that many feel are racist, according to E! News. In the online video, Kutcher appears as numerous ridiculous characters, including Raj, a brown-faced Bollywood producer with a thick Indian accent. (Kutcher also appears as a character sending up Karl Lagerfeld that could be construed as homophobic.)

Overwhelmingly negative responses to the advertisement prompted Popchips to remove it from YouTube and Facebook a day after it was released.

"The new Popchips worldwide dating video and ad campaign featuring four characters was created to provoke a few laughs and was never intended to stereotype or offend anyone," a company rep said in a statement to the Hollywood Reporter.

Here's the thing someone should have told Popchips: Kutcher can't act. At all. His version of "acting" is basically over the top parody — all the time. So when he gets tapped to portray someone of a different race, even in a comedic role, of course it will be seen as mockery/racism. The only actor who could tackle this without getting in trouble? Sir Ben Kingsley. Popchips, get that guy on the phone ASAP.

Lady Gaga. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga single again

Lady Gaga and boyfriend Taylor Kinney have reportedly called it quits, with the culprit being the singer's hectic schedule, according to Us Weekly.

"She will be touring nonstop until next year and has found she can't have a relationship at the same time," a source says of Gaga, who is about to embark on a 110-stop tour.

"There's just no room for anything else. Her work is all-consuming." Of course, to hear the source tell it, the relationship might not have lasted much longer on its own, anyway. "Taylor was all about himself, a typical actor, and didn't completely get Gaga," the source says.

Brangelina makes some time just for the kids

After Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated their engagement with a trip to the Galapagos Islands, it was clearly time for something just for the kids.

So the family of eight — in the U.K. to start work on Jolie's next film — headed to the Legoland amusement park this week, according to Us Weekly. The park is apparently high on the list of destinations for the globe-trotting family — it's the fifth time they've visited.

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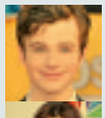

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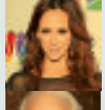

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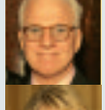

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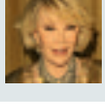
Telling you before the tabloids break the story: I'm trading in my in-line skates for a bicycle.



@Joan_Rivers
Congratulations to Jessica Simpson on the birth of her baby girl! The only downside is that when her water broke 200 patients drowned.

Liquid Assets

Cool caliente bites with fresh Corona

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I've had a long standing respect for tequila, but the distilled output of agave plants is by no means the only booze stamped "Made in Mexico".

With Cinco de Mayo celebrations a day away and Salma Hayek shilling for Burger King, south of the border (the American one at least) things are heating up.

Sadly, the country's superstar brand — Corona Extra (6x330 ml, $12.95 - $14.09) — gets a bum rap from beer aficionados thanks to its lean-bodied flavour and clear glass bottle (which fanatics swear allows natural light to affect its flavour).

Whatever you believe, Corona is a great beer to have with any food that's eclectic — especially if it's spicy.

Of course, the last thing I would do is allow a bartender to jam a wedge of lime into any Corona bottle I've ordered. They may seem to go together like Brad and Angelina but the union of lime and liquid really began as a way to keep flies out of an opened bottle. It turns out that the acidity in the citrus makes them bug off.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Cinco de Mayo gets a splash of vibrant colour

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carne Asada with Confetti Salsa. The combination of fruity salsa & marinated meat makes this the perfect Mexican meal

The more time the sirloin tips bathe in this recipe's punchy marinade of lime juice, Worcestershire sauce and garlic, the better. So while it calls for marinating the meat for about two hours, don't hesitate to toss them in as you head out to work in the morning. You'll be rewarded when you get home and crank up the grill.

To save time, you could substitute a mango or other fruity jarred salsa for the one made as part of this recipe. If you have time, this salsa is a chunky hodge-podge of bell pepper, tomatillos, avocado, mango, tomato and red onion, with a bit of heat from a chipotle chili in adobo.

1. In a large zip-close bag, combine the sirloin tips, lime juice, salt, Worcestershire sauce, olive oil, black pepper and garlic cloves. Shake to coat the meat. Refrigerate for two hours.

2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine the bell pepper, tomatillos, avocado, mango, tomato, red onion, chipotle, adobo sauce, garlic, lime juice and cilantro. Stir well, then season with salt and black pepper. Refrigerate for 30 minutes before serving.

3. When ready to cook the steak, heat a grill to high.

4. Drain the meat, discarding the marinade. Use paper towels to pat the meat dry. Sear on the grill, about four minutes per side for medium-rare. Serve with the confetti salsa.

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Ingredients

For the meat:
- 2 pounds sirloin tips
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed

For the salsa:
- 1 yellow pepper, cored, diced
- 3 tomatillos, diced
- 1 avocado, pitted and diced
- 1 mango, pitted and diced
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 chipotle in adobo sauce, minced
- 1 tbsp adobo sauce
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- Salt and ground black pepper

3 LIFE

History

Celebration

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Celebrations include not only wonderful Mexican foods, but also parades, mariachi music and folk dancing.

Traditional Mexican cuisine varies vastly from region to region in Mexico.

The earliest Mexican agricultural staples were beans, squash and chili peppers, with corn arriving some 2,000 years later. Staples expanded to include avocados, coconuts, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, chia seeds, and more varieties of beans.

The herb of choice was usually epazote, similar to cilantro in its strong, pungent flavours. Meanwhile, meats included turkeys, ducks, quail, peccaries, pigeons, and a wide variety of fish and shellfish.

Early traditional dishes included atole (porridge), tortilla, tamales (filled pastries, both savory and sweet) and soups. The cuisine has expanded to include a wide variety of dishes way beyond burritos, tacos and salsa.

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On the web

Cinco de Mayo goes sweet with recipe for Mexican chocolate honey cake

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"I'm sorry to say, Superman is dead. All of us can appear to be super, but all of us need to reach out and find support when we're hurting."

Shawn Mitchell, a chaplain for the San Diego Chargers, Junior Seau's former team. The San Diego County medical examiner's office ruled Seau's death a suicide on Thursday. The autopsy said Seau died of a gunshot wound to the chest. The medical examiner's office was awaiting a decision by the family Thursday on whether to turn over Seau's brain to unidentified outside researchers for study. Seau died Wednesday in his home in suburban Oceanside, Calif.

On the web

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal is set to start the storied Giro Italia this weekend as the team leader for Garmin-Barracuda. Hesjedal says the three-week long 3,503.9-kilometre race "can be harder" than the Tour de France. Scan the code for the story.

The Rangers celebrate Marian Gaborik's goal in triple overtime on Wednesday night in Washington. PATRICK MCDERMOTT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

'It felt like it was never going to end'

NHL. New York and Washington rest up after gruelling triple overtime Game 3

The New York Rangers played what amounted to two games over two days just to get one win against the Washington Capitals.

Each team scored a goal in the second period, then skated the ice for the next 83 minutes before Marian Gaborik gave the Rangers a 2-1 victory at 14:41 of the third overtime to end the 20th longest game in the history of the Stanley Cup playoffs, a matchup that began Wednesday night and spilled into Thursday.

If it was the decisive game of the series, Rangers coach John Tortorella might have been more enthusiastic. Instead, he looked at the win for what it was: A gritty performance that gave New York a 2-1 lead in a best-of-seven that doesn't seem likely to end anytime soon.

"It's one game," Tortorella said in a conference call Thursday. "You take the good things out of it and try to keep momentum on your side."

It's impossible to say whether the good vibes the Rangers gained with the win will carry into Saturday, when the teams meet in Washington for Game 4.

"We have confidence in our team," Washington's Troy Brouwer said. "I mean, if we continue playing like we did, creating offence, blocking shots, you know, playing good, patient hockey, we'll be successful."

Capitals coach Dale Hunter played in a four-overtime game and now has stood behind the bench in a three-overtime thriller. He lost both games, but neither of them ended a series.

"Well, you go into triple overtime it's a special game," Hunter said in the wee hours Thursday. "But it's just one game and you got to bounce back."

Gaborik won it in the 115th minute. The game started at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday and ended at 12:14 a.m. Thursday.

Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist was too exhausted to let out a yell afterward. More than excitement, he experienced relief.

"It's a feeling where, usually, I scream because I'm so excited. I was just too tired," Lundqvist said after his 45-save performance. "I kept saying 'Oh my God, it's over.' I mean, oh my God. It felt like it was never going to end." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"It's nice that both teams get two days to recoup. This way, they both get to come back and get two days' rest and you see a better hockey game."

Capitals coach Dale Hunter, on recovering for Saturday's Game 4.

World hockey

Getzlaf to captain team Canada

Ryan Getzlaf will wear the "C" for Canada at the IIHF World Hockey Championship.

The veteran forward was selected as captain during a team meeting on the eve of the tournament.

Getzlaf is also the captain of the NHL's Anaheim Ducks and is one of three members of the Canadian team that won gold at the 2010 Olympics.

Dion Phaneuf and Patrick Sharp will serve as alternate captains.

Canada opens the tournament Friday against Slovakia.

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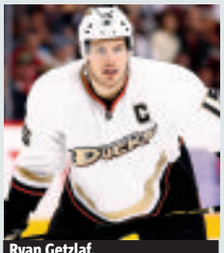

Ryan Getzlaf. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHL

Torres to appeal 25-game ban

Phoenix Coyotes forward Raffi Torres is appealing the length of his 25-game suspension.

Torres was penalized last month after landing a late hit on Chicago forward Marian Hossa. Torres and the NHLPA will meet with commissioner Gary Bettman about the length of the suspension, but not the ban itself. The NHLPA said there's no date for the meeting, but the collective bargaining agreement stipulates the commissioner "will endeavour to rule promptly on any such appeal." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heat beat up on short-handed Knicks

LeBron James scored 32 points, including eight straight to start the fourth quarter and break open the game, and the Miami Heat took a 3-0 lead, sending the New York Knicks to an NBA post-season-record 13th straight loss, 87-70 on Thursday night.

James had 17 points in the final period for the Heat, who held the short-handed Knicks to eight field goals in the second half and will go for the sweep Sunday afternoon..

Dwyane Wade added 20 points for the Heat and Mario Chalmers had 19, hitting consecutive 3-pointers in the fourth quarter when the Heat finally brought some beauty to what had been an ugly game.

Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points on seven of 23 shots for the Knicks, who are playing without Amare Stoudemire, Jeremy Lin and Iman Shumpert and needed a super effort from Anthony he didn't come close to providing.

The Knicks broke the record set by Memphis from 2004-06. They haven't won a playoff game since April 29, 2001, Game 3 of a best-of-five series against Toronto.

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Bosh a dad

- Chris Bosh was in the starting lineup Thursday night, hours after returning home for the birth of his son.
- Bosh's wife Adrienne gave birth to the couple's first child, a boy named Jackson, around 3 a.m. Thursday in Miami.
- Bosh flew more than 5,500 kilometres in a span of 24 hours to be there.

Shane Battier, left, fights for control of a loose ball against Carmelo Anthony Thursday in New York. JEFF ZELEVANSKY/GETTY IMAGES

Crossword

Across

1 Pay attention
5 Actor McBride
8 Faux pas
12 Gymnast Korbut
13 "2001" computer
14 — list (agenda)
15 Words from 26-Down
17 Rock partner
18 Blue
19 Before
20 Photocopier's ancestor
21 Malicious
22 Diving bird
23 Godzilla's bailiwick
26 Experience
30 October birthstone
31 London hrs.
32 "The Cosby Show" son
33 Bankrupt
35 Pounce down
36 Years in a decade
37 Halloween shout
38 Scuffle
41 Winter ailment
42 Hawaiian garland
45 Smell
46 Words from 26-Down
48 Judicial garb
49 Corn spike
50 Hurried
51 Differently
52 Elev.
53 Fermi's bit

Down

1 Beer ingredient
2 Singer Fitzgerald
3 "Holy cow!"
4 Rotation duration
5 Variety of beet
6 Patriot Nathan
7 Under the weather
8 Words from 26-Down
9 Weaving apparatus
10 Between assignments
11 Horseback game
16 Legume
20 Pie filling?
21 Words from 26-Down
22 Pismire
23 Profession
24 Gorilla
25 Crony
26 Diamond boss
27 Greek P
28 Earth (Prefix)
29 "Alley —"
31 Pistol
34 Nevertheless
35 Tart-tasting
37 Utter impulsively
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39 Pedestal occupant
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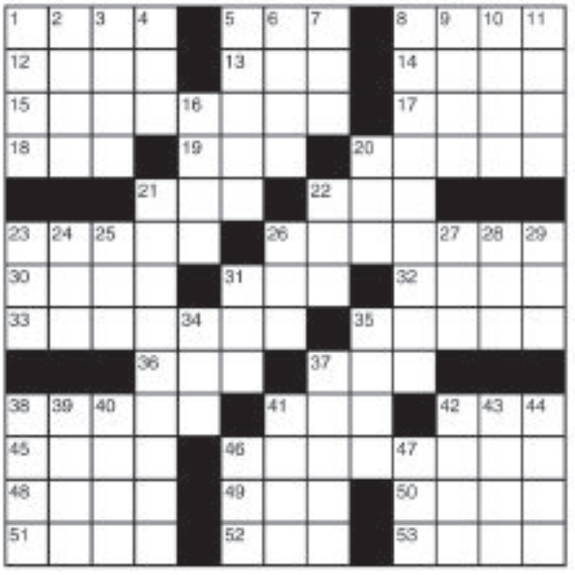
42 Stolen goods
43 Modern money
44 Particular
46 Verily
47 Schedule abbr.



Sudoku

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	8	4	3	2	5	7	6	9
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4	3	8	9	7	6	2	5	1
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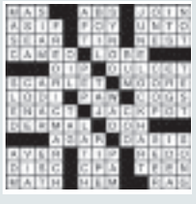
Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY DETONATED EXPLOSIVES BY YOU, I EXPECT THAT MIGHT HAVE A BLASTING EFFECT ON YOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. It may seem as if someone you live or work with is keeping things from you but according to the planets that isn't the case at all.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Put your own needs on hold and help someone with an emotional problem that they are finding difficult.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. With Venus in your sign linked to your ruling planet Mercury, your powers of persuasion are awesome.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Don't let anyone tell you that you are aiming too high or expecting too much of yourself. If anything, you should be expecting a lot more.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Be who you are, not who other people say you should be. You are under no obligation to change your ways to suit family and friends.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Something you say today may not go down well with friends. That's OK because the truth needs to be told.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. The approaching full moon will compel you to make changes. They may be painful but they are necessary too.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. The planets indicate that a time of new beginnings is here at last but to make the most of it you need to sweep away all traces of the past.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You need to face up to your problems. Most likely they are not real problems at all, just doubts.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You may be the most practical member of the zodiac but you have your dreams like everyone else and one dream is now within reach.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. People in positions of power are watching you closely, so put on a show over the next couple of days.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Get creative and think of ways you might be able to make your life more exciting — and more profitable too.

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"Bono called? Wants his shades back, does he?"
David

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